

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

DAEVON MARKELL TURNER,

Plaintiff,

v.

CUS BUTLER, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. C21-5070-TSZ-MLP

ORDER GRANTING IN PART  
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO EXTEND  
TIME

This is a civil rights action brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff's motion to extend time. (Dkt. # 27.) Specifically, Plaintiff requests an extension until January 10, 2022, to afford him time to obtain witness statements and to seek counsel following his release from prison which he expects will occur on or about December 23, 2021. (*Id.*) Defendants oppose Plaintiff's motion, arguing that Plaintiff is essentially seeking to stay proceedings until January 2022, and that he has not shown good cause for such a delay. (Dkt. # 30.)

This Court concurs that Plaintiff has not shown good cause to justify a delay in this proceeding in its entirety until January 2022. Plaintiff filed this action on January 27, 2021, and

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1 he has therefore had many months to seek witness statements and to try to find counsel to  
2 represent him in this matter. Plaintiff does not indicate in his motion what, if any, efforts he has  
3 made in this regard during the pendency of this case which undermines his request for a lengthy  
4 delay. Nonetheless, given Plaintiff's status as a *pro se* litigant, the Court is willing to grant  
5 Plaintiff a brief extension of the pretrial deadlines to give him an opportunity to obtain the  
6 witness statements he believes he needs and to seek counsel. Based on the foregoing, the Court  
7 ORDERS as follows:

8 (1) Plaintiff's motion to extend time (dkt. # 27) is GRANTED in part. The discovery  
9 deadline is extended to ***November 22, 2021***, and the dispositive motion filing deadline is  
10 extended to ***December 22, 2021***.

11 (2) The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to Plaintiff and to counsel for  
12 Defendants.

13 Dated this 21st day of October, 2021.

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16 MICHELLE L. PETERSON  
United States Magistrate Judge

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